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SENATE BILL 433

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO  
PREPARE A BALLOT INFORMATION BOOKLET; SPECIFYING BOOKLET  
CONTENT AND DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 1-16-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975,  
Chapter 287, Section 1) is amended to read:

"1-16-13. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS--TEXT PROVIDED--  
JUDICIAL RETENTION ELECTION INFORMATION--INFORMATION BOOKLET.--

A. In any election in which a constitutional  
amendment is being considered, the secretary of state shall  
cause to be printed samples of the text of each constitutional  
amendment, in both Spanish and English, in an amount equal to  
ten percent of the registered voters in the state. The  
secretary of state shall then distribute the sample

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1 constitutional proposals to the county clerk in each county,  
2 who in turn will distribute them to the precincts in the same  
3 manner and number as sample ballots.

4 B. In any general or special election, the  
5 secretary of state shall prepare a ballot information booklet,  
6 in both Spanish and English, in an amount equal to ten percent  
7 of the registered voters in the state. The secretary shall  
8 have the information booklet printed at the expense of the  
9 state and shall distribute the booklet to the county clerks,  
10 who shall distribute them to the precincts in the same manner  
11 and same number as sample ballots. The ballot information  
12 booklet shall contain the report of the judicial performance  
13 evaluation commission review of any justices of the supreme  
14 court and judges of the court of appeals, district court and  
15 metropolitan court who are subject to retention at that  
16 election.

17 C. If a constitutional amendment and the retention  
18 of a justice or judge are to be considered in the same  
19 election, the ballot information booklet may contain the  
20 information required in both Subsections A and B of this  
21 section."